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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT COMMISSION PROPOSAL IN ETV FOR SPECIAL
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1. DUE TO DIFFICULTIES DEPARTMENT IS EXPERIENCING IN RE-
CRUITING U.S. CANDIDATES THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS FOR
LECTURE OPENINGS IN CHILE, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT
THE COMMISSION CONSIDER ACCEPTING AMERICAN SPECIALIST
GRANTEES FOR PROPOSED PROJECT IN EDUCATIONAL TV.
2. RECRUITMENT WOULD BE HANDLED AS FOR ALL AMERICAN
SPECIALIST GRANTS, BUT COMMISSION WOULD BE CHARGED THE COST
OF THE GRANTS SINCE WE ARE VERY SHORT OF FUNDS AND BECAUSE
THESE GRANTEES WOULD BE SUBSTITUTING FOR REGULAR ACADEMIC
GRANTEES. IF COMMISSION BUDGET FOR SPECIAL ACCOUNTING
PERIOD AND/OR FY-76 WERE NOT ADEQUATE FOR TWO ONE-MONTH
AMSPEC GRANTS, CU/ARA WOULD MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE FROM
CENTRAL FUNDS.
3. DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER ONE CANDIDATE AT THIS TIME FOR
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COMMISSION CONSIDERATION. SHE IS GLADYS RUBIO (NIKKI)

BLANKENSHIP, OF SOUTHWEST EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MID-JUNE FOLLOWING A TWO-WEEK GRANT IN MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF HER CREDENTIALS MEET COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE A MORE THOROUGH EXPLANATION OF THE GENERAL BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED TO FILL THE OPENINGS CITED IN THE PROGRAM PLAN (PAGE 7). WHEN COMMISSION DESIRES ARE BETTER UNDERSTOOD DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO SEEK A SECOND CANDIDATE.

4. CREDENTIALS OF MS. BLANKENSHIP FOLLOW:

A) HAS WORKED AS SPANISH TEACHER IN ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS; CO-DIRECTED PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN.

B) SET UP WEEKLY TELEVISION SHOW ON COMMERCIAL TV IN SAN ANTONIO WITH CHILDREN. SHOW EMPHASIZED HOW TO TEACH ENGLISH AND SPANISH TO PRE-SCHOOL MEXICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN. ALSO WORKED WITH MOTHERS IN "MOTHER-CHILD INTERACTION" STUDY.

C) PRODUCED VIDEO TAPE MODULES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPONENT OF THE SATELLITE ETV PROJECT, BASED ON TV SERIES PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED.

D) COORDINATED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM WITH MULTIMEDIA TRAINING PACKAGES FOR LOW INCOME PARENTS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS.

E) HAS SERVED AS CONSULTANT AND HELD WORKSHOPS ON BILINGUAL PROGRAMS.

F) CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTATIONS OF MULTIMEDIA PACKAGES (IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH) TO REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND LOCAL SCHOOLS.

G) SPEAKS FLUENT SPANISH.

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H) HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY STANLEY APPEGATE (AID) AND BEN MASON, DIRECTOR, EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE STATES IN DENVER, COLORADO.

I) GENERAL LECTURE TOPIC WILL BE "ROLE OF ETV IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION".

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF COMMISSION INTERESTED IN MS.

BLANKENSHIP AND A SECOND AMERICAN SPECIALIST IN ETV. KISSINGER

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